

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held October 5, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"The United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights preserve our uniquely American liberties, such as freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of the press, freedom of petition and due process of law, and the right to a trial by a jury of our peers.

"It is vital that justice for legitimate victims not be delayed due to meritless and frivolous litigation, lawsuits without victims or evidence of any harm, or lawsuits filed purely in the interest of undeserved profit. It is incumbent upon all members of the legal profession and our elected leaders to protect California consumers, businesses and families by seeking sensible reforms which will discourage the filing of frivolous lawsuits, reducing the exorbitant costs of litigation in California, and protecting legitimate victims."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried (Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Knabe being absent), the Board proclaimed October 4 through 9, 2004, as "Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week," throughout Los Angeles County and encouraged all citizens to support fundamental reforms to safeguard and improve our civil justice system.

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